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Cathy Carpino, Esquire, Hearing Officer Department of Telecommunications and Energy One South Station, Floor 2 Boston, MA 02110

Re: D.T.E. 99-271

Dear Ms. Carpino:

Today, Verizon Massachusetts filed its remaining responses to Record Requests issued by the Department during the last set of Technical Sessions. With the filing of these responses, Verizon Massachusetts' record in this case is complete. We understand that the Department will not accept further factual presentations by Verizon Massachusetts or other participants in this proceeding. There are two matters that the Department is continuing to address – the scoring of certain hot cuts involving AT&T and KPMG exceptions 14 and 16. These are being directly supervised by the Department and will be reported by the Department as it sees fit. In addition, the parties have not yet received the Final Report of the Department's third–party expert, KPMG Consulting.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

Bruce P. Beausejour

cc: Michael Isenberg, Director Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary Attached Service List